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- 1. SWISS AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD ME CONFIDENTIALLY THAT HE HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT TO INQUIRE WHETHER THE SWISS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE AN UNSPECIFIED NUMBER OF BASQUE POLITICAL PRISONERS WHOSE RELEASE FROM PRISON WOULD DEPEND ON ACCEPTANCE BY A FOREIGN COUNTRY. SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT MADE RECENTLY WITH BELGIUM.
- 2. SWISS AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW YET WHAT BERN'S REACTION TO THE PROPOSAL WOULD BE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF HIS OWN CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE ADVERSE CONSEQUENCES OF SWISS INVOLVEMENT IN THE BASQUE QUESTION, HE HAD MADE NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS TO BERN. STABLER

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